

Maps Working Group
School Renewal Commission
Conference Call
April 21, 2004
4:00 PM
Kirk Miller, Presiding

Participants: Kirk Miller, Ric Floren, Kris Goss, Jim Standaert, Senator Ryan, Carter Christiansen, Mary Whittinghill, Tonia Bloom, Senator Keenan

Prior to meeting, Jim Standaert explained seven charts he had created explaining situations relating to data on districts with high concentrations of certain types of property, and when centrally assessed property is changed and other variables are manipulated.

The charts were emailed out and hard copies provided at meeting to occur during lunch of the April 26, 2004 K-12 Public School Renewal Commission meeting.

ITEM 1 Reporting to the Interim Tax Reform Study Committee

- Lt. Gov Ohs, Senator Ryan, and Kirk Miller reported to the committee on March 25 following our last meeting.
- Overview of progress of the working group. Discussed statewide funding of the base budget for tax equity purposes, centrally assessed taxes and their impact on the situation, homeowner taxpayer equity, and the possible need for another revenue source to assure equity and begin to address items of quality (adequacy).
- Stated that these were items of discussion that had not reached consensus of the Commission.
- Request from Interim Study Committee to produce recommendations so that they can be considered with other scenarios. The Tax Reform Study Committee meets again on May 6-7.
- Mary Whittinghill reinforced the fact that the committee is considering sales tax proposals in the future and our recommendations are needed.

ITEM 2 Review Requested Maps – Amy Carlson

- Amy was unavailable to give map overview.
- Discussion of the map with Fund Balance Reappropriated. Ric states that the use of FBR happens two fold: 1. Spending at the end of the year. 2. Reimbursing taxes that aren't needed to meet the budget demands.
- Belief of Ric that we should develop an incentive for districts to not spend dollars at the end of the year and save for times when they need the expenditure power. All agreed.
- Will look at the maps at lunch of the Renewal Commission meeting 4/26/04.

ITEM 3 Classification of Taxes—Jim Standaert

- Developed several scenarios and discussed them. Analyzing the effect on mills in a variety of scenarios.
- Over base drop from \$128 million to \$63 million.

ITEM 4 Utilizing the GTB model for above BASE (80%-100%)

- The Group will look at the scenarios developed by Jim Standaert at lunch of the Renewal Commission meeting on 4/26/04.

ITEM 5 Discuss and Approve Possible Draft Recommendations from Maps Group

- Draft Discussion List of Policy Recommendations and Guidance Concepts.
- Went through each policy item
- Attached Discussion List document will be changed to reflect discussion. Further discussion will occur on April 26.

ITEM 6 Next Steps

- Receive the charts and maps from Jim Standaert information and review. Kris to get hard copy and have the info available at the table.
- Amy Carlson to explain the maps and also the Merging District Funds Policy recommendation.
- New draft of policy recommendations Discussion List incorporating the discussion at this meeting.
- Kris to reserve a room for the Maps working group to meet at lunch of the 4/26/04 meeting. Need to have a computer and printer available in case we make revisions to the policy statements discussion list.
- Kris to meet with the Lt. Gov to discuss the amending of the 4/26/04 Renewal Commission Meeting Agenda to switch Items 4 and Item 6. Gives time at lunch for the Maps working group to discuss recommendations.

Call completed and meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.